

Overview of Commission

The City of Middletown Commission on the Arts and Cultural Activities

was established by City Ordinance in March of 1972 and revised in 1992. It is known today as the ***City of Middletown Commission on the Arts (MCA)***. It is now comprised of thirteen Commissioners, two ad hoc members of the Common Council and eleven citizens from the community who are appointed for three-year terms by the Mayor.

The Commission conducts its business through monthly meetings generally held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall or other locations within the City. The administration of the Commission's business is conducted by Stephan Allison, Coordinator, through the Mayor's Arts Office.

For more than forty years, the Commission has maintained a program of encouraging interest and participation in the arts by providing services, resources, information and events to and for artists, organizations and the general public.

Today, the Commission is an active and effective participant in City life. Middletown was the first in Connecticut to be named one of the "100 Best Small Arts Towns in the United States". This distinction is made possible by a broad base of community support from the City, volunteers, businesses, institutions, corporations, organizations and artists.

Maintaining close links with local arts and culture organizations, Connecticut agencies and the Connecticut DECD Office of the Arts; the Middletown Commission on the Arts seeks to enhance and support development of artistic and cultural endeavors in the community with programs and services. These programs and services are made possible by City tax dollars as appropriated by the Common Council and supported by government grants and contributions of local businesses, corporations and individuals.

Summer programs include Kids Arts, Summer Sounds Concert Series, and the Fireworks Festival.

In the beginning of 2011, the Arts Office launched the City's official arts & entertainment website: arts2go.org for public access to what's going on in the arts any given day in the City.

Arts organization/artist grants are available through a grant making program.

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